पूरी हो सकें, उनकी आय और जीवन स्तर में बढ़ोतरी हो सके ।

Vacancies of Secretaries at the central Secretariat level

*117. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA :
PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of vacancies of Secretaries which exist at the Central Secretariat level at present ;

(b) for how long these vacancies have been existing ; and

(c) what are the reasons for the delay in filling these vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Nil.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Supply of liquor/beer to army by Mohan Meakins Ltd.

*118. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the task of supplying liquor/beer to army has been allocated to Mohan Meakins Limited recently ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Mohan Meakins have appointed M/s. Food and Feed Enterprises, Manimajra, Chandigarh as agents and they are working as middle men ; and

(c) if so, whether it is against the declared policy of Government for not having any middle man in Defence supplies?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K.C. PANT): (a) M/s. Mohan Meakins Limited is one among 28 producers who supply IMFL, Beer and matured Rum to Canteen Stores Deptt. M/s. Mohan Meakins Limited is also one of the 54 distilleries with whom CSD has entered into Contracts for supply of ordinary Rum.

(b) An anonymous letter stating that M/s. Food and Feed Enterprises are acting as agent for M/s. Mohan Meakins Limited in their dealings with CSD has been received recently.

(c) No, Sir.

Meeting of Chief Secretaries of States

*119. SHRI N.E. BALARAM :
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a meeting of the Chief Secretaries of all States was held in Delhi on June 27, 1989; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the subjects discussed there at and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* below).

Statement

The Conference of Chief Secretaries discussed the various issues relating to the proposal to strengthen urban local government. There was a general consensus that elections to the urban local

bodies should be held regularly and a sound financial basis provided to these bodies. Reservation of seats for women in the elected levels of the urban local government was also urged.

2. The communal situation in the country was reviewed and the need for coordination between the intelligence agencies of the Government of India and the State Governments was emphasised.

3. The administrative issues related to effective implementation of the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana were discussed.

4. Note was taken of the recent measures taken by the Government of India for filling up the backlog of vacancies in the posts reserved for members of the SCs and STs and their adequacy and effectiveness assessed.

5. The working of the Public Distribution System was reviewed. The need for effective implementation of the Essential Commodities Act and enforcement of preventive measures against hoarding and other malpractices was highlighted.

6. The Conference also briefly reviewed the various steps taken by the Government of India and the State Governments to make the administration more efficient, effective, responsive and participative.

7. It was also urged that the All India Services should be encouraged to function effectively and objectively. Towards this end certain specific measures for raising the morale of the members of the services were also discussed.

Delay in implementation of projects

*120. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) Whether his Ministry have created a cell for tackling the problem of delays in the implementation of projects ;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry had recently made an analysis which revealed that 297 projects suffer delays of various durations, resulting in financial over-runs;

(c) if so, what are the details of the analysis made in this regard; and

(d) what is the total loss suffered by each project ?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI):(a)to(d) Ministry of Programme Implementation have a separate Project Monitoring Division engaged in monitoring Implementation of all central sector projects, each costing over Rs. 20 crores falling under the purview of the Ministries/Departments of Atomic Energy, Civil Aviation, Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Coal, Fertilisers, Mines, Steel, Petroleum and Natural Gas, Power, Public Enterprises, Railways, Surface Transport and Telecommunications. Intensive monitoring of all major projects costing over Rs. 100 crores is done by the Division. By constantly highlighting the slippages in project implementation, the Ministry focusses attention and generate pressure on implementing agencies to improve the performance levels.

2. As an integral part of the monitoring exercise a quarterly analytical report covering implementation status of all projects costing over Rs. 20 crores is brought out by the Project Monitoring Division. A recent analysis of the implementation status of projects costing Rs. 20 crores and above, as on 31 March, 1989, shows 174 and not 297